



2300 Lake Elmo Drive  
Billings, MT 59105

## NOTICE OF DECISION

September 24, 2001

TO: Environmental Quality Council  
Director's Office, Dept. of Environmental Quality  
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

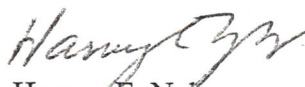
Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks completed a Draft EA for an SPA project for the City of Hardin. This project will allow the City to replace water intake/blow-off lines at their city water supply intake on the Bighorn River. This project will require the excavation of three 24" intake pipes from the riverbank to the pump house (60 feet), and the replacement of two 3" airlines on top of these pipes. Following construction, the riverbank will be riprapped and seeded.

A Draft EA was completed for this project on August 20, 2001 and distributed for public comment until September 20, 2001. Two comments were received on the EA, both in favor of the project.

**Fish, Wildlife and Parks has decided to allow this SPA project to proceed as proposed and will issue a permit for the project to the City of Hardin.**

A final EA for this project is available by calling the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks office in Billings at (406) 247-2940 or writing to 2300 Lake Elmo Drive, Billings, MT 59105.

Sincerely,

  
Harvey E. Nyberg  
Regional Supervisor

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